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Civil Engineering and Development Department

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance, Cap. 499 Application for Approval of EIA Report

<u>Project Title: Development of Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and Associated Reclamation Sites</u> (Application No. EIA-309/2024)

I refer to your application received on 13 November 2024 for approval of an EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 30 December 2024 advising you to exhibit the EIA report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance.

Having considered the public comments received during the public inspection period and the comments from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 11 April 2025, I now advise you under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance that the above EIA report as exhibited under Section 7(1) of the EIA Ordinance is approved subject to the conditions at **Annex 1**. In addition, recommendations from the ACE are contained in **Annex 2** for your onward action.

It should be noted that the approval of the EIA report shall not relieve you of the responsibility to comply with other legislation or Government requirements for implementing the Project.

Under Section 15 of the EIA Ordinance, the approved EIA report (Register No.: AEIAR - 265/2025) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report and the conditions of approval will also be placed on the EIA Ordinance website (https://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/en/index.html).

Should you have any queries concerning the above, please contact my colleague Mr. Alex TANG at 2835 1140.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Environmental Protection Officer for Director of Environmental Protection

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ACE EIA Subcommittee Secretariat

(Attn.: Executive Officer(Cross Boundary Division)1)

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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance, Cap. 499 Application for Approval of EIA Report

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Reference of the Approved EIA Report in the Register: AEIAR-265/2025

Conditions of Approval under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance

- (1) The project proponent shall, in consultation with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), submit a Coral Translocation and Enhancement Plan (CTEP) to the Director of Environmental Protection for approval no less than three months before commencement of marine works of the relevant parts of the Project. The CTEP shall provide details on the results of the pre-construction coral survey, coral translocation methodology, location and suitability of the coral recipient site(s), the post-translocation monitoring programme, the implementation details of the proposed coral enhancement measures (such as collection of bodies of unmovable corals, and coral fragments for coral plantation, etc.) and the overall implementation programme.
- (2) The project proponent shall prepare a Tree Management and Enhancement Plan (TMEP) covering individual trees that would be affected by the Project, proposed compensatory planting and enhancement measures, and maintenance and monitoring programme. The TMEP shall be deposited with the Director of Environmental Protection no less than one month before commencement of construction of the relevant parts of the Project involving tree felling works.
- (3) The project proponent shall set up community liaison group(s) comprising representatives from the concerned and affected parties to facilitate communication and enquiries handling on all environmental issues related to the Project.

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Recommendations from the Advisory Council on the Environment for Carrying Out of the Project

The project proponent is recommended to –

- (1) explore the feasibility to adopt eco-shoreline design with a wave-like structure (i.e. not a straight shoreline) to provide diverse habitats for marine organisms;
- (2) explore the use of construction methods and materials with low carbon emission to reduce carbon emission of the Project as technically and economically feasible and practicable;
- (3) consider climate resilience in the seawall design to prevent flooding at the proposed development of the Project;
- (4) consider planting native species for greening to enhance ecological connectivity and urban biodiversity; and
- (5) enhance waste reduction, reuse and recycling during construction and operation phases of the Project.

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